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*SSA-1
Personnel
& Survey*

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15 October 1945

SUBJECT: Special Operations Personnel in United States
TO : Director Strategic Services Unit

The following is a roster of personnel in the United States
assigned to the Special Operations Branch:

Army

Lt Col John Raiss, ASN 0-904314 — *✓ on overs leave*
Captain C. R. Corcoran, ASN 0-1002607 — *out Thurs. 10/19*
Captain Robert T. Drake, ASN 0-1106694 — *" Today 10/20*
M/Sgt George W. Stamford, ASN 33749093 — *on way out*
M/Sgt Peter C. Elgin, ASN 38094464 — *Supply - SSO*
T/Sgt Kenneth E. Wilson, ASN 16099418 — *Training*

Marine

1st Lt William E. Duggan, S.N. 038220 — *Terminal leave*

Civil Service

Miss Caroline Drayton
Miss Beatrice Englehart
Mrs. Sylvia S. Lee
Miss Berenice Thiry

William E. Duggan
WILLIAM E. DUGGAN (cd)
1st Lt., USMCR
Chief, SO

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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20 September 1945

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL GAMBLE

Attention: Major Tharp

Subject: Liquidation of SO Branch

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FROM:

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

Lt. Duggan

Accession No.

Date Rec'd SA

OCT 1945

To	Room No.	Date		Officer's Initials	Comments
		Rec'd.	Fwd'd.		
1. Colonel Gamble	221 Adm.			<i>[Initials]</i>	<i>For Bracket File</i>
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4 October 1945

SUBJECT: SO Personnel in Europe

TO: Colonel E. W. Gamble

1. The following personnel of this Branch are assigned to the London office. We have been advised by that office their duties concern the cataloguing of Special Operations documents and files and the return of these documents and files to Washington:

1st Lt Jayne House
2nd Lt E. G. Morrison
T/Sgt Donald M. Dana
T/3 Anne M. Frodeson
T/4 Ellen H. Fossum

We have this date cabled requesting the estimated date of departure of this group.

2. The following personnel of this Branch are assigned to duty in Italy. We have cabled Colonel Maddox requesting their present assignment or estimated departure to the United States.

Capt John R. Milodragovich
T/Sgt George L. Mott
Cpl Antonio Visini
Pfc Amelio Migliaccio
Civilian Allan Franklin
Civilian Dale McAdoo

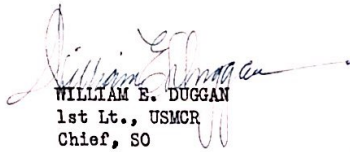
3. The following personnel are still being carried on SO in France but are in the process of transfer to the Property Board Section, France:

2d Lt Wendell M. Hastings
Major Stuart O. Pusey

4. Lt Colonel Jerry Sage was held by this Branch in the United States at the direction of the former Director. He is being transferred out of OSS to OPD and will receive his orders on or about the

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10th of this month. In the meantime he Has been granted leave to visit his parents in the State of Washington. His new orders will be mailed to him and will become effective on the 27th of October.


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2. Maj Rumph	135 So.	9/24		G	
3. Maj Tharp	221 Adm.				
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